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CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, 21 not voting, on motion to advance.

PRESIDENT: The bill shall be so advanced.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 82 comes up next. There is a request to bracket the bill until February 10th. Signed Senator Dickinson.

PRESIDENT: Senator Burrows, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR BURROWS: I would wish to request the bracket be delayed until the amendment I have on the desk be introduced and I have no objection to the bracket after this point. I would like it to set through the bracketing and to be heard--to be studied during the bracketing period.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. President, this is a very important bill. If you read the committee report, there is much indication that there was a lot of opposition in the committee. I feel that it affects a lot of school districts in the state of Nebraska and it has come to my attention that probably they haven't had time to give their full input and it just seems like this bill should be--it gives teachers in class--all except four and five school districts a tremendous change and apparently gives them instant tenure. Because of these important factors, these are my reasons. I don't want to debate the bill. These are the reasons for asking to have it set for debate to a time certain which is February 10th.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, if we are discussing the Dickinson motion, for the information of the membership I would like to inform them of two significant factors and I don't want to debate the merits of the bill and that's not my intention, Mr. Chairman. One, I would remind you that the committee acted because of some important time dates in contractual relations. I would remind you that contracts must be consummated totally by May 15th which means there has got to be termination notices 30 days prior to that so we are working on a very significant time factor. If there are those that did not have their chance for input, certainly there was a number of people at committee. I received a number of letters. I certainly do not object to a full and total discussion of this bill but I do object, I do object to the delay. The representative of the Nebraska School Board Association was there. He had informed his membership. They had a meeting of, in Kearney, Nebraska the week the bill was heard. I am sure that almost every school district, major school district was represented at that time. The representative of the Nebraska School Improvement Association which represents small schools was there. A number of legislative organizations and committees for organizations put information to the committee, sent letters to me as chairman. I think this is a delaying tactic and I am certainly not opposed to addressing the merits of the bill but, again, let me remind you this is General File we are talking about. There are three stages across the board. We have at least eight to ten to twelve days before we have to act in a final way on this bill and I would ask you to defeat Senator Dickinson's motion to bracket to a day certain.

PRESIDENT: Before I call on any other Senators, the motion is of Senator Dickinson for unanimous consent to bracket. I